

## **NOMINEE REQUIRING SENATE CONFIRMATION EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

**NOMINEE:** Christina L. Bertch-Mumaw

**POSITION:** Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Licensed Veterinarian Member

**REPLACING:** Reappointment

**APPOINTING GOVERNOR:** Douglas A. Ducey

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** December 23, 2015

**TERM ENDS:** January 1, 2020

### **FUNCTION OF THE ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD:**

The purpose of the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) is to protect the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified, impaired or unprofessional practitioners of veterinary medicine through licensure and regulation of the profession in the State. The Board is responsible for veterinary licensure, technician certification, licensure of crematories and premises, defining regulations for licensed veterinary practitioners and conducting investigations on suspected violations of veterinary law (A.R.S. § 32-2207).

### **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION:**

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. Each member of the Board serves a term of five years, with no one member serving more than two full terms. Five members must be licensed veterinarians who have an established practice location in the State or are employed by a university or political subdivision of the State and who have resided and practiced in the state for five years immediately preceding appointment. No more than three of the members can be from the same veterinary college. The remaining four members must be lay persons, three representing the general public and one representing the livestock industry. Individuals convicted of a violation of veterinary law—with the exception of certain administrative violations—are ineligible for appointment (A.R.S. § 32-2202).

### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND TERM EXPIRATIONS:**

Darren P. Wright, D.V.M.	Licensed Veterinarian Member	1/15/2018
<i>Sarah Heinrich, D.V.M.*</i>	<i>Licensed Veterinarian Member</i>	<i>1/20/2020</i>
<i>John G. Byrne, D.V.M.*</i>	<i>Licensed Veterinarian Member</i>	<i>1/21/2019</i>
Leslie N. Hatfield, D.V.M.	Licensed Veterinarian Member	1/15/2018
<b><i>Christina Bertch-Mumaw, D.V.M.*</i></b>	<b><i>Licensed Veterinarian Member</i></b>	<b><i>1/1/2020</i></b>
Vacant	General Public Member	
<i>Jessica A. Amend*</i>	<i>General Public Member</i>	<i>1/21/2019</i>
Julie Young	General Public Member	1/15/2018
James Loughhead	Livestock Industry Member	1/15/2018

Nicole Frost\*  
\*Pending Confirmation

Certified Veterinarian Technician 1/20/2020

**SALARY OR OTHER COMPENSATION:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2202, each member of the Board is entitled to receive compensation at a rate not exceeding \$100 for each day while engaged in the service of the Board.

**BUDGET AND FTES:**

According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), the Approved Operating Budget for FY 2016 is \$545,200 appropriated from the Veterinary Medical Examining Board. Currently, there are 6.0 full time equivalent positions.

**NOMINEE'S QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education:**

Colorado State University, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	1987
Arizona State University, Bachelor of Science	1983

**Employment (past ten years):**

Bell Rock Veterinary Clinic, Owner & Veterinarian	2000-2016
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**Other Qualifications:**

Certified Veterinary Medical Acupuncturist  
Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, member  
Association of Avian Veterinarians, member  
American Veterinary Medical Association, member